

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1817, Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

House Committees ordered reported 33 sundry measures, including the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006: Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5373–S5452

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1059–1075, and S. Res. 145–148. **Pages S5436–57**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing Anniversary of Mount Saint Helens Eruption: Senate agreed to S. Res. 146, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the eruption of Mount St. Helens. **Page S5450**

National Internet Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 147, designating June 2005 as “National Internet Safety Month”. **Pages S5450–51**

Senate Leadership Portrait Display Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 148, to authorize the display of the Senate Leadership Portrait Collection in the Senate Lobby. **Page S5451**

Nomination Considered: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S5373–S5433**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2005. **Page S5452**

Appointments:

Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators to the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary As-

sembly during the 109th Congress: Senators Sessions, Enzi, Bunning, and Coleman. **Page S5450**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations (PN 326) (PN 327) (Ex. Rept. 109–1) **Page S5436**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2005. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5452.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REGULATION NMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Regulation National Market System (NMS) designed to strengthen our national market system for equity securities, focusing on recent market developments, after receiving testimony from John A. Thain, New York Stock Exchange, Robert Greifeld, NASDAQ Stock Market, and Edward J. Nicoll, Instinct Group, Inc., all of New York, New York; Gerald D. Putnam, Archipelago Holdings, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and Meyer S. Frucher, Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine human space flight, focusing on the status and role of the Space Shuttle in human space flight, plans for the Shuttle's retirement, progress in minimizing the gap between the retirement of the Space Shuttle and the introduction of the Crew Exploration Vehicle, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Allen Li, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Joan Johnson-Freese, Chair, Department of National Security Decision Making, Naval War College, United States Navy; Michael J. McCulley, United Space Alliance, Houston, Texas; and Scott J. Horowitz, ATK Thiokol, Inc., Brigham City, Utah.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee continued markup of proposed comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to coal, vehicles and fuels, hydrogen, and research and development, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

ECO-TERRORISM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine eco-terrorism, acts of politically motivated violence to force changes in attitudes about certain issues, specifically examining the Earth Liberation Front ("ELF") and the Animal Liberation Front ("ALF"), after receiving testimony from John E. Lewis, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Carson W. Carroll, Deputy Assistant Director, Field Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, both of the Department of Justice; Bradley M. Campbell, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton; David Martosko, Center for Consumer Freedom, Washington, D.C.; David J. Skorton, The University of Iowa, Iowa City; and Monty A. McIntyre, Seltzer, Caplan, McMahon, Vitek, San Diego, California, on behalf of Garden Communities.

FLORIDA HURRICANES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s response to the 2004 Florida hurricanes, and its impact on taxpayers, and a related measure, S. 1059, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to specify procedures for the conduct of preliminary damage assessments, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to vigorously investigate and prosecute instances of fraud, including fraud in the handling and approval of claims for Federal emergency assistance, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); Richard L. Skinner, Acting Inspector General, and Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1021, to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and

The nomination of Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

INDIAN TRUST LANDS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine issues relating to the taking of land into trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for federally-recognized Indian tribes, focusing on land used for gaming purposes, after receiving testimony from George T. Skibine, Acting